GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Volunteer Teachers
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes to introduce volunteer teachers in schools;
(b) if so, the details thereof including definition of volunteer teachers and the minimum prescribed qualifications;
(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government proposes to issue guidelines for the said purpose;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the time by when the said guidelines are likely to be issued?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (e): The Central Government has launched 'Vidyanjali', a School Volunteer programme on 16th June, 2016 and issued necessary guidlelines. Vidyanjali is an initiative to involve people from Indian Diaspora, retired teachers, retired government officials including retired defence personnel, retired professionals and women who are home makers, having graduation degree to strengthen coscholastic activities in schools such as reading in Government run elementary schools through the services of volunteers across the country under the overall aegis of the Sarva Shikhsa Abhiyan (SSA).
Volunteers under the programme will offer their services to Government schools through an online portal developed by MyGov.in. The Volunteers will conduct one or more co-scholastic activities with children in standard 1 to 8 such as reading to children; helping children with creative writing; public speaking; play acting and preparing story books.
The programme is being implemented on a pilot basis across 21 States and UTs.
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